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SUBJECT: POLISH PROTEST OVER SECURITY SITUATION IN US

REF: A. WARSAW 316 B. USUN 149 C. STATE 239078 (10/7/75)

1. POLISH DCM WIEJACZ CALLED ON EUR/EE DIRECTOR ANDREWS ON JANUARY 16 TO PROTEST "DETERIORATING" SECURITY SITUATION IN U.S. HE CITED AS EXAMPLES: THE BOMBING EARLIER THAT MORNING OF THE POLISH CONSULATE IN NEW YORK, THREATENING PHONE CALLS TO THE NEW POLISH CONSUL GENERAL IN CHICAGO, A REPORT THAT "FREE POLAND" PLANNED TO KIDNAP A POLISH CONSUL, AND THREATENING LETTERS FROM "FREE POLAND".

2. ANDREWS,WHO HAD EARLIER TELEPHONED POLISH AMBASSADOR TO EXPRESS REGRETS, REITERATED OUR REGRET OVER LATEST INCIDENT AND NOTED THAT MATTER IS UNDER ACTIVE INVESTI-

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GATION. HE POINTED THAT OVER PAST TEN YEARS WE HAVE HAD

SIMILAR DIFFICULTIES WITH ATTACKS ON YUGOSLAV MISSIONS AND PERSONNEL IN THE U.S. IN SUCH SITUATIONS, WE GENERALLY RECOMMEND THAT THE EMBASSY OR CONSULATE IN QUESTION KEEP IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE LOCAL POLICE. THEY SHOULD AS A GENERAL PRACTICE TURN TO THE POLICE FIRST

RATHER THAN TO THE DEPARTMENT IN REPORTING INCIDENTS. OTHERWISE VALUABLE INVESTIGATIVE TIME MAY BE LOST.

3. WIEJACZ SAID THAT THERE WAS ANOTHER INCIDENT THAT OCCURRED IN CHICAGO ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO WHICH THEY HAD NOT REPORTED BECAUSE OF ITS BIZARRE NATURE AND THE APPARENT LACK OF ANY EVIDENCE OF WRONG-DOING. ONE OF THE CONSULS HAD BEEN INVITED BY A LOCAL RELIGIOUS GROUP TO SPEAK ON EDUCATION IN POLAND. HOWEVER, THE BUILDING BURNED DOWN PRIOR TO HIS APPEARANCE. THEREAFTER A LETTER APPEARED IN THE CHICAGO POLISH PRESS WHICH REFERRED TO THE FIRE AND WARNED POLISH-AMERICANS AGAINST INVITING "REGIME REPRESENTATIVES" TO ADDRESS THEIR GROUP.

4. ANDREWS SAID THAT SUCH SERIOUS MATTERS SHOULD BE REPORTED TO THE POLICE. IT WAS IMPERATIVE THAT POLISH OFFICIALS HAVE GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, AND THUS HE HOPED THE CONSUL GENERAL IN CHICAGO WOULD FURTHER DEVELOP HIS CONTACTS WITH THE POLICE. IF DESIRED, WE WOULD GLADLY PROVIDE HIM WITH THE NAME AND PHONE NUMBER OF THE FBI SPECIAL AGENT IN THAT AREA. WIEJACZ SAID THAT CONSULATE OFFICIALS HAD ALREADY DISCUSSED THE SECURITY SITUATION WITH AN FBI REPRESENTATIVE THERE.

5. WIEJACZ SAID THAT AMB. TRAMPCZYNSKI HAD RECEIVED ANOTHER THREATENING LETTER FROM "FREE POLAND." ANDREWS ASKED THAT THE EMBASSY FORWARD THE LETTER TO US FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES.

6. SUMMING UP, WIEJACZ REQUESTED THE USG TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF POLISH OFFICIALS IN THE U.S. IN THAT REGARD, HE NOTED THAT AFTER THE BOMBING INCIDENT IN NEW YORK THE POLICE HAD APPARENTLY STEPPED
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UP PROTECTION AROUND THE EMBASSY.

7. FULL DETAILS ABOUT BOMBING INCIDENT ARE CONTAINED IN REFTEL B. REGARDING "FREE POLAND" LETTERS, POLES FIRST RAISED THIS QUESTION WITH US IN OCTOBER, AS REPORTED IN REFTEL C. IN DECEMBER AN EMBASSY OFFICER LEFT WITH US COPIES OF SEVERAL RECENT LETTERS RECEIVED FROM "FREE POLAND" BY POLISH OFFICIALS, WHICH WE FORWARDED

THROUGH SY TO THE FBI. WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY OTHER
OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIONS MADE TO DEPARTMENT ON THIS
SUBJECT.

8. BELOW FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION IS TEXT OF MESSAGE
RECEIVED FROM FBI ON JANUARY 15 REGARDING AN ALLEGED
THREAT BY "FREE POLAND" TO KIDNAP A POLISH OFFICIAL:

QUOTE: ON JANUARY 14, 1976, A HIGHLY SENSITIVE
CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS PROVIDED RELIABLE
INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT AN UNKNOWN MALE
CONTACTED THE POLISH CONSULATE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. THIS
UNKNOWN MALE, WHO STATED HE WISHED TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS,
SPOKE WITH CONSUL STANISLAW SZYMANSKI AND ADVISED THAT
HE HAD HEARD THAT "IDIOTS" FROM WOLNA POLSKA (WHICH
MEANS FREE POLAND) WERE PLANNING TO KIDNAP A POLISH
CONSUL. THE UNKNOWN MALE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THIS
KIDNAPING WAS TO OCCUR IN CHICAGO OR ELSEWHERE, BUT
THE PURPOSE WOULD BE TO EXCHANGE THE KIDNAPED OFFICIAL
FOR ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL, PROBABLY FIRST NAME UNKNOWN
(FNU) SZABISTER (PHONETIC).

THE WOLNA POLSKA ORGANIZATION RECENTLY CAME INTO BEING
IN NEW YORK CITY. THE GROUP HAS IN THE PAST, DONE SUCH
THINGS AS DIRECT LETTERS TO THE POLISH AMBASSADOR TO THE
UNITED STATES REQUESTING THE RELEASE OF A CERTAIN EMIL
MORGANIEWICZ (SIC) FROM POLAND. THAT LETTER SUGGESTED
A VIGOROUS PROPAGANDA ACTION MIGHT FOLLOW IF
MORGANIEWICZ WERE NOT RELEASED. WOLNA POLSKA IS SELF-
DESCRIBED AS A "VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION OF THE MEN OF
DEEDS, SUPPORTING ANY ACTIVITIES CONSISTENT WITH THE
NEEDS OF STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION OF POLAND FROM SOVIET
OCCUPATION." UNQUOTE

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